

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A receptacle for battery-using apparatuses, comprising:

a plug inserting/removing portion where a plurality of signal post contact portions is disposed in parallel with each other which ~~comes~~ come in contact with a signal contact of an external plug;

a signal post connecting portion ~~which is~~ on a rear surface side of said plug inserting/removing portion and ~~also which is~~ connected to a circuit board; and

an electrode disposing portion ~~which is~~ on a side surface of said plug inserting/removing portion and ~~also which is~~ provided with a contact for a battery ~~made of~~ comprising plate springs protruding in parallel with each other on [[a]] the rear surface side of said plug inserting/removing portion,

wherein said contact ~~for a battery includes~~ comprises:

a board connecting portion ~~which is~~ connected to the circuit board;

a slant strip ~~which is~~ coupled with the board connecting portion, which protrudes toward the rear surface side of said electrode disposing portion, and which is flexible toward the electrode disposing portion; and

an electrode contact portion ~~which is~~ formed at one tip of the slant strip, which has a ~~rough~~ U-shape protruding toward the rear surface side of said electrode disposing portion, and which comes in contact with the battery electrode; and

the contact is provided, at a site extending from the board connecting portion to the slant strip, with a vertical strip disposed along a vertical inner wall surface on a front surface side in a housing space into which the contact is pressured.

Claim 2 (Currently Amended): ~~The receptacle for battery using apparatuses~~
according to claim 1, ~~comprising a~~ wherein the housing space opened opens toward ~~[[a]]~~ an
under surface side and a rear surface side of the electrode disposing portion to thereby house
by pressure the contact for a battery into the housing space.

Claim 3 (Currently Amended): ~~The~~ A receptacle for battery using apparatuses
~~according to claim 2, comprising:~~

a plug inserting/removing portion where a plurality of signal post contact portions is
disposed in parallel with each other which come in contact with a signal contact of an
external plug;

a signal post connecting portion on a rear surface side of the plug inserting/removing
portion and connected to a circuit board; and

an electrode disposing portion on a side surface of the plug inserting/removing portion
and provided with a contact for a battery comprising plate springs protruding in parallel with
each other on the rear surface side of the plug inserting/removing portion,

wherein the contact comprises:

a board connecting portion connected to the circuit board;

a slant strip coupled with the board connecting portion, which protrudes toward the
rear surface side of the electrode disposing portion, and which is flexible toward the electrode
disposing portion; and

an electrode contact portion formed at one tip of the slant strip, which has a U-shape
protruding toward the rear surface side of the electrode disposing portion, and which comes
in contact with the battery electrode,

wherein the electrode disposing portion defines a housing space opened toward an
under surface side and a rear surface side of the electrode disposing portion to thereby house
by pressure the contact, and

wherein:

the contact ~~for a battery can be provided~~ comprises, ~~at a site thereof extending from~~
between the board connecting portion ~~to~~ and the slant strip, ~~with~~ a horizontal strip coupled to
said board connecting portion, and a vertical strip ~~formed by~~ extending from the other end of
the slant strip and disposed along a vertical inner wall surface on ~~the~~ a front surface side in
the housing space ~~into which the contact for a battery is housed by pressure~~; and

a notch hole is formed at a boundary between the vertical strip and said horizontal
strip so that ~~the~~ a lower end surface of the vertical strip which faces the notch hole is ~~flatted~~
flat.

Claim 4 (Currently Amended): The receptacle ~~for battery using apparatuses~~
according to claim 1, wherein the electrode disposing portion is provided with a recharging
electrode terminal comprising:

a connecting portion connected to the circuit board; and

a contacting electrode portion disposed on the front surface side of the electrode
disposing portion.

Claim 5 (Currently Amended): The receptacle ~~for battery using apparatuses~~
according to claim 4, ~~comprising a~~ wherein the housing space ~~opened~~ opens toward the an
under surface side of the electrode disposing portion to thereby house by pressure the
recharging electrode terminal in the housing space.

Claim 6 (New): The receptacle according to claim 1, wherein the housing space
opens toward an under surface side of the electrode disposing portion to house by pressure
the contact into the housing space through the opening in the under surface side of the
electrode disposing portion.

Claim 7 (New): The receptacle according to claim 6, wherein:

the contact is provided, at a site thereof extending from the board connecting portion to the slant strip, with a horizontal strip coupled to the board connecting portion, and a vertical strip formed by extending from another end of the slant strip and disposed along a vertical inner wall surface on a front surface side in the housing space into which the contact is housed by pressure; and

a notch hole is formed at a boundary between the vertical strip and the horizontal strip so that a lower end surface of the vertical strip which faces the notch hole is flattened.